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Mr. William F. Tompkins
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:

I refer to the following letters, all pertaining to the declassification of certain Amerasia documents:

a. Your letter of 29 July 1955 to the Central Intelligence Agency, attention Deputy Director (Plans), requesting a review of the brief description of the documents set out in the attachments in order to determine in light of Section 4 of Executive Order No. 10501 whether the documents involved are presently classified and, if so, whether they can be declassified at this time and released to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee by the Department of Justice without impairing the national defense of the United States.

25X1A b. The letter of 21 November 1955 to you signed by Mr. [REDACTED] for the Deputy Director (Plans), Central Intelligence Agency, in response to your letter of 29 July. 25X1A [REDACTED] pointed out that only certain of the documents described in the attachments of your letter of 29 July would come within the purview of this Agency (or the Strategic Services Unit, which is responsible for the liquidation of the affairs of the Office of Strategic Services) and that these documents would be reviewed and a report would be sent you.

STATSPEC c. Your letter of 6 September 1955 to the Central Intelligence Agency, attention Deputy Director (Plans), requesting a review of certain documents originating with the [REDACTED] and described in the attachment to your letter, in order to determine in light of Executive Order No. 10501 whether the documents involved are presently classified and, if so, whether they can be declassified at this time and released to the Senate

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Internal Security Subcommittee without impairing the national security of the United States.

d. The letter from Mr. Lawrence Houston, General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency, of 12 December, to you in response to your letter of 6 September.

25X1A The documents originating with the Office of Strategic Services which [REDACTED] indicated would fall within the purview of the Strategic Services Unit (listed in the attachment hereto) have been reviewed by the officials of SSU. From the point of view of SSU, these documents can be completely declassified and released to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee without impairing the national defense of the United States. Declassification of duplicates of these documents held in our archives has been effected.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

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Director

Attachment

cc: General Counsel ✓

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